

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Peter J. Renucci, et al.  
Serial No.: 09/840,837  
Filing Date: April 24, 2001  
Art Unit: 2661  
Examiner: Ian N. Moore  
Confirmation No. 6086  
Title: System and Method for Providing Lifeline Telecommunication Service

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Dear Sir:

**Response Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

In the Final Office Action mailed May 2, 2006, the Examiner continued to allow Claims 1-7 and continued the rejection of Claims 8-20. Although Applicants believe all pending claims, as previously submitted, are allowable over the references cited by the Examiner, Applicants have canceled Claims 8-20 to expedite the issuance of Claims 1-7